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FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has made a fresh demand for allocation of rice under the Food for Work Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the foodgrains allocated under the programme has been misappropriated by the State;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government against the persons responsible for the same;

(e) whether the government are discriminating against the States under the scheme;

(f) whether the 80 percent share of the total rice released to Andhra Pradesh during the current year till now whereas this year due to drought, the situation of Maharashtra is very bad as compared to Andhra Pradesh;

(g) if so, the reaction therefore; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government to run the scheme without discrimination?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) & (b) The Food for Work Programme (FFWP) was in operation from January 2001 to31st March 2002. The Special Component was created under the Sampoorna GrameenRozgar Yozana (SGRY) from 1st April 2002 to meet the demand for foodgrains from drought calamity States. Under the Special Component upto June 2002, a quantity of 15lakh tonnes of Rice was allocated to Andhra Pradesh for completion of works taken up under the erstwhile Food for Work Programme (FFWP).Against the current demand of 15 lakh tonnes, 3 lakh tonnes of foodgrains were released in the month of October 2002.

(c) & (d) Some complaints have been received in the Ministry as well as some press reports appeared in newspapers regarding misappropriation of foodgrains allocated under the Food for Work Programme (FFWP) in Andhra Pradesh.These complaints were referred to the State Government for taking up appropriate and remedial action.

(e) to (h) No, Sir. Release of Foodgrains under the Special Component to calamityaffected States is demand driven. Each release is now approved by the Task Force constituted for the purpose. Subsequent release depends upon utilization of earlier release/releases.